



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTON-RADSTOCK.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st. December, 1942.

To the Urban District Council of Norton-Radstock.

Gentlemen,

I submit an interim report for the year ended 31st. December, 1942.

STATISTICS.

Population (on a peace-time basis) 11,632.

Deaths under one year.

Under one week.	4.
1 - 4 weeks.	1.
1 - 6 months.	1.
Total.	<u>6.</u>

Infant Mortality Rate 32.32 per 1000 live births.

Total Deaths 140.
Death Rate. 12.17.

Total Births 185.
Birth Rate. 16.08.

Still Births 4 Male
2 Female.
Total 6.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	<u>No. Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	18.	9.	0.
Diphtheria.	1.	1.	0.
Measles.	18.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	40.	0.	0.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	4.	0.	0.
Pneumonia.	12.	0.	0.
Tuberculosis.	Notified.		Deaths.
Respiratory.	13.		0.
Non-Respiratory.	4.		3.

WATER SUPPLY.

No material change has taken place.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Welton Works.

As the sludge-dry accommodation was proving inadequate, one lagoon was relaid and filtering material added.

Arrangements have also been made to dispose of a proportion

of the sludge by irrigating pieces of land on alternative years, the land being cultivated one year and sludged the next. It is hoped that accumulation of dried sludge and screenings not removed by farmers will be gradually returned to these pieces of land.

The detritus bank which gave constant trouble in the pump has been abolished.

Radstock Works.

No material changes have been made.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

There is no change in this.

SCABIES CENTRE.

Attendances.	1,358.
Inhabitants.	1,153.
Evacuees.	205.
New Cases.	716.
No. Benzyl Benzoate Treatment.	1,149.

MILK SUPPLY.

SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.

Five of our producers are licensed by the County Council as Accredited producers, and one as a Tuberculin Tested producer.

The Norton-Radstock Council have issued one licence to a pasteuriser to cover his pasteurising plant and another licence to sell pasteurised milk as a dealer. A further licence for plant had been issued but was withdrawn.

SAMPLING.

The Sanitary Inspector takes samples on behalf of the County Council for Designated milks and for the purposes of the Tuberculosis Order.

HOUSING.

Urgent housing repairs only are being asked for at present and these generally on complaint from tenants. There is much work in this direction being stored up for the future.

OVERCROWDING.

No statistics are available but some evacuees have gone during the year and the position may be better than it was. Sixteen condemned houses were occupied under licence at the end of 1942., others were occupied and legal proceedings are pending.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

So far as can be ascertained this area is very fortunate in the scarcity of cases.

26th. July, 1943.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

F.W. Widgery.

Medical Officer of Health.